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Delores Brown  
Chief Office of Environmental Compliance  
California Department of Water Resources  
Sacramento, California 94236

**Subject: OCBC Support for the Bay Delta Conservation Plan**

Dear Ms. Brown,

The Orange County Business Council, representing some of the largest and most innovative companies throughout Southern California, is concerned about the decline in the health of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and the deteriorating reliability of this key water supply for two-thirds of all of California's residents, in addition to its vital contribution to the state's agriculture industry which supplies half of the nation's produce.

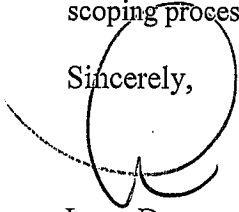
We commend the Bay Delta Conservation Plan's collaborative effort among water agencies, environmental organizations, state and federal agencies. The Plan is key to mapping out a comprehensive conservation plan and a solution for the Delta. The key to a reliable water system is a restored Delta ecosystem and a rebuilt water conveyance system.

The Business Council supports the BDCP's environmental review process, an essential component to the success of the ultimate plan. We applaud the goal of the plan to place the environmental health of the Delta and the reliability of our state's water system on equal footing.

All of us who live and work in California depend on a reliable water supply. We need sufficient quantity in wet years to replenish our storage systems. We need high quality water to replenish our groundwater basins and to blend with local supplies and those of the Colorado River. We need a restored Delta ecosystem and a rebuilt conveyance system. Reliability must be a cornerstone of the Bay Delta Conservation Plan.

The success of the BDCP is essential to the continued economic health of California. On behalf of the Orange County Business Council, I thank you for the opportunity to provide input during this important scoping process.

Sincerely,



Lucy Dunn  
President and CEO

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